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**From:** Higuchi, Dean  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 6:08:42 PM  
**Subject:** RE: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

No problem, will ask Harry.....

Thanks!

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**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 8:04 AM  
**To:** Higuchi, Dean; Maier, Brent  
**Subject:** RE: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

Thanks Dean.

I've started my response to Angelia, but need some additional information.

We need to add in a response to this specific question: if they are in contact with local agencies, State agencies, and the Navajo Nation. Can you fill that in? What State Agencies, what local agencies?

THANKS!

Hi Angelia,

Here is some information on EPA Region 9 personnel on the ground. In Utah, EPA presence is for Navajo Nation, so while the state of Utah is geographically located in EPA Region 8, all of Navajo Nation is geographically located in EPA Region 9.

We have 2 field commanders (on scene coordinators) in Farmington NM to serve our Navajo and AZ constituents. We have 2 community outreach personnel there as well. We have a command post in Farmington to coordinate with affected states and tribes and other entities. We have 6 environmental samplers and 7 additional coast guard staff for incident support.

EPA personnel in the area are coordinating with XXX (State Agencies), XXX( Local Agencies), and the Navajo Nation. In addition, we are coordinating with UT, AZ and federal officials at NPS, USGS and BOR.

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**From:** Angelia Crowther [mailto:[acrowther@utah.gov](mailto:acrowther@utah.gov)]  
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**To:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Subject:** Re: 8/10/15 statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release

Thank you for the press release Rebecca! The release states that EPA has representatives in Utah and you let me know who they are and if they are in contact with local agencies, State agencies, and the Navajo Nation.

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On Mon, Aug 10, 2015 at 7:35 PM, Russo, Rebecca <[Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov](mailto:Russo.Rebecca@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

Please find attached the latest statement from EPA on the Gold King Mine Release.

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